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SUBJECT: SCHERF COMMENTS ON LOWER SAXONY ELECTION

1. DR. HENNING SCHERF, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF LAND BREMEN SPD, IN A LONG CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING THE LANDTAG ELECTIONS IN LOWER SAXONY.

(A) SCHERF SATISFIED AND SURPRISED WITH THE RESULTS SINCE HE HAD EXPECTED THAT THE CDU WOULD GAIN ENOUGH SEATS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.

(B) HE FEELS THAT THE LOWER SAXONY RESULTS INDICATE A REVERSAL OF THE RECENT TREND IN SPD FORTUNES.

(C) SCHERF WHO HAD CAMPAIGNED DAILY FOR THE LAST TEN WEEKS BELIEVES THAT THE REASONS FOR THE SPD SUCCESS ARE VERY COMPLEX. SCHMIDT'S ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR CLEARLY HELPED THE SPD. THE LUND LOWER SAXONY SPD LEADERSHIP OTHER THAN MINISTER PRESIDENT KUBEL IS NOT IMPRESSIVE AND WAS NOT A FACTOR.

2. SCHERF STATED THAT ERNST MAHRENHOLZ, HEAD OF THE CHANCELLERY
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IN LOWER SAXONY WILL REPLACE OUSTED MINISTER VON OERTZEN.

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